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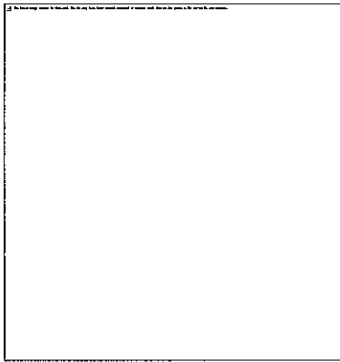
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President Elect Trump Continues to Surprise

You have to love the fact when the main stream media started complaining about all the "billionaires" and "generals" Trump was appointing to his cabinet...without hesitating he shot back that "off course" that's who is appointing. He wants successful and accomplished leaders in their respective fields to lead our nation! NO political correctness. NO apologies. NO back peddling.

Trump is building a team that's going to make this happen...yes, Make America Great Again!

It's hard to find someone not pleasantly surprised, impressed and encouraged by his picks and leadership.



Ronna Romney McDaniel for RNC Chairman

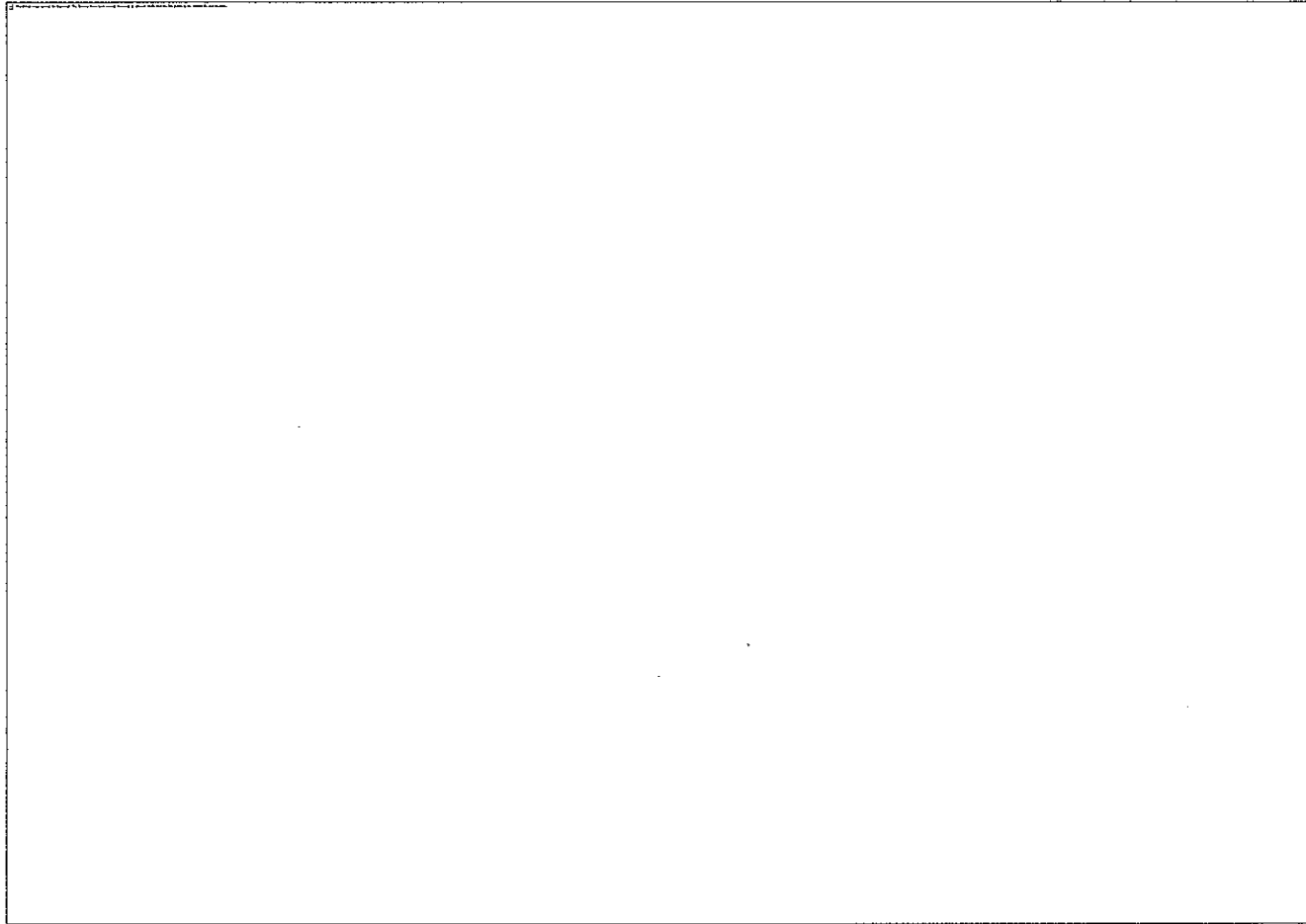
Rumors are circulating that Ronna is one of the finalist that President Elect Trump will recommend to lead the Republican National Committee.

Ronna led an impressive effort in Michigan that delivered a working class, purple state at best on behalf of Trump. She understands the dynamics of the Trump Movement and can effectively help build a national party that grows our party.

Ronna is a dynamic, effective, strategic and loyal team player who would serve the President Elect well.

As a young women, she symbolizes and represents the best our party has and can help lead a national effort to reach new voters, new demographics and new constituents to build on the Trump coalition that built this movement.

If the President Elect picks Ronna Romney McDaniel to lead our party...he will once again demonstrate his strategic understanding and determination to build a lasting movement.



The Spoils of the Republican State Conquest

In the war of ideas, a think tank is like a munitions factory, churning out the matériel to push the trench line a few miles forward. As luck would have it, Republican state lawmakers will be well equipped next year when they begin one of the largest conservative offensives in recent memory. Come January the

GOP will hold "trifectas"—total control of both legislative chambers and the governorship—in 25 states, up from 10 in 2009.

If lawmakers have any questions about where to begin, one place with answers is the State Policy Network, a federation of 65 free-market think tanks ranging from Anchorage, Alaska, to San Juan, Puerto Rico. "At the end of the day, people want jobs. They want security. That's our bread and butter," says Tracie Sharp, the group's president. "We feel like for such a time as this, we've built up this network. We need to really run. This is a state moment."

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/the-spoils-of-the-republican-state-conquest-1481326770>

Donald Trump Has Disrupted Years of Broken Taiwan Policy

Mr. Trump is now the butt of similarly ill-informed commentary by both media figures and former U.S. diplomats who should know better. For the record, let me interject that the United States does not now recognize, and never has, a "One China" of which Taiwan is a part.

The December 15, 1978, U.S.-China Normalization Communiqué states that the U.S. side "acknowledges the Chinese position that there is but one China and Taiwan is part of China." It is often forgotten that two months later, on February 22, 1979, President

Carter's deputy secretary of state, Warren Christopher, explained in Senate hearings that the United States has "acknowledged the Chinese position that Taiwan is part of China, but the United States has *not* [italics in original] itself agreed to this position." This remains the position of the United States today.

On the matter of U.S. arms sales to Taiwan, which the Chinese have so strenuously resisted, I recall during my tenure on the Taiwan desk in 1982 that Chinese diplomats demanded that President Reagan honor President Carter's "pledge" to terminate arms sales to Taiwan after normalization. China demanded that Reagan issue another communiqué promising to cease arms transfers to Taiwan. James Lilley, President Reagan's top China advisor in the White House, asked President Carter about this pledge, and the former president said, "I never made such a commitment. I can tell you that I wouldn't have made it." Reagan then ordered that thenceforth communiqué negotiations with Beijing be grounded in the understanding that no "pledge" was ever issued and that arms sales to Taiwan would be eased off only on the understanding that China pursued a peaceful resolution of its differences with Taiwan.

<http://nationalinterest.org/feature/donald-trump-has-disrupted-years-broken-taiwan-policy-18609>

Trump, Taiwan and an Uproar: Putting China on the defensive.

Taiwan is no more important in 2016 than it was in 1972. Accepting the one-China policy never shifted the fundamental reality of Taiwan-U.S. relations, but it gave cover for the Chinese in a strategic context that has long ago disappeared. This puts China in a very difficult situation. China desperately needs access to American markets to avoid slipping deeper into economic stagnation. It understands that trade relations with the U.S. are a core strategic interest. At the same time, President Xi Jinping needs to appear as a strong and intimidating force in the world to bolster his position in China.

Trump signaled to China that he can take away what Nixon gave them. By doing what Nixon did – using volatility and unpredictability to intimidate – Trump set the stage for a negotiation that China can't refuse. China must have access to American markets even if the terms become less favorable. Previous presidents were prepared to posture but did nothing substantial about China. With a single phone call, Trump did what he seems to do best – baffle and unnerve a negotiating partner. Is he crafty or is he crazy? Trump has shifted the issue from what China is willing to do, to how far Trump is prepared to go.

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New York - Trump Tower

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Team Trump is in full swing and the Republic is safe. Merry Christmas.

Hillary Clinton did NOT win the Popular Vote

Hillary Clinton lost fair and square. Both the Trump campaign and

the Clinton campaign ran by the existing "winner take all" rules which forces candidates to campaign in only about 12 "battle ground states". Over 90% of all campaign resources, visits and efforts took place in 12 or so states...with 38 states being totally ignored by each campaign, as they are decidedly either Republican or Democrat.

Yes, Hillary Clinton got "more votes" throughout America...but who cares, it doesn't matter. Running up votes in California, New York or Texas are irrelevant under the current "winner take all" rules within the Electoral College.

Donald Trump won...and won in a landslide where it mattered...in the swing, battle ground states nationwide. And there is NO doubt that if Trump has run a "national campaign" he would have won the "national popular vote" overwhelmingly.

The Democrats "sore loser man" efforts to try and discredit the Trump victory, of blame Hillary's loss on the Russians or come up with any other lame excuse to delegitimize the elections are nothing more than a charade.

It's President Elect Donald Trump! Get over it...learn to deal with it. We accepted, tolerated and now celebrate President Obama's coming and going (more so going). It's the way our process works.

Hacking Controversy over Elections

It's kind of funny. Hillary Clinton and the Democrats are complaining about "someone" hacking the DNC and campaign emails - then releasing them to the public. This was a deliberate attempt to influence the elections.

The released emails showed how the Clinton campaign and the DNC collaborated to influence the nomination of Hillary Clinton over Bernie Sanders...and influence the election in general.

Poetic justice...and a little hypocrisy...maybe?!?

P.S. no one is claiming anyone actually hacked any actual voting machines to manipulate the numbers...it's just the embarrassing emails they want investigated:) Blaming Russia is sure popular these days...how about the fact Hillary was a LOUSY candidate?!?

Trump Continues to Surprise

It's hard not to love the strong, competent, effective and accomplished leaders President Elect Trump is selecting to serve in his cabinet. He is setting the tone for things to come. Already American companies are re-investing in America...bringing and keeping jobs HERE. The regulatory and tax reforms being proposed will make America competitive again...yes, help make America Great Again.

It truly is going to be a Merry Christmas for most! Liberals...call George Soros for subsidies, fake news and fake public outrage/demonstrations.

How Populism Can Rejuvenate American Conservatism's Ideas

Since Donald Trump's surprise victory several weeks ago, a debate has raged in conservative circles over to what extent, if any, conservatives should adopt some of Trump's more "populist" tendencies and policies. While Trump's takeover of the Republican Party and ascension to the presidency are complete, there clearly remains resistance in some conservative circles. However, a grand merger between conservatism and populism is a logical inevitability that will boost both the movement and, more importantly, the nation. That's because at its core, conservatism is a populist movement.

Princeton University's Wordnet defines populism as "the political doctrine that supports the rights and powers of the common people in their struggle with the privileged elite," which is a reasonably fair description. Unlike other political philosophies, populism does not clearly offer specific policy prescriptions, rather a framework through which to view policies: whether they help the working man and woman. This fits perfectly within conservatism.

Conservatives share a natural skepticism of the ruling class, recognizing the corrupting influence of power. It is one of man's seemingly inescapable flaws that upon taking power he engages in rent-seeking behavior or misuses power for personal profit. Recognizing this weakness, George Washington did a great service, setting the precedence of only serving two terms as president. Rather than trust elites, conservatives have faith in the ingenuity of the average citizen and aim to have citizens retain as much power as possible. Entrusting the citizenry over elites? Sure sounds populist to me.

<http://thefederalist.com/2016/12/14/populism-can-rejuvenate-american-conservatisms-ideas/>

Love this story: How Clinton lost Michigan — and blew the election

P.S. Not to mention Hillary was a LOUSY candidate!!!

Everybody could see Hillary Clinton was cooked in Iowa. So when, a week-and-a-half out, the Service Employees International Union started hearing anxiety out of Michigan, union officials decided to reroute their volunteers, giving a desperate team on the ground around Detroit some hope.

They started prepping meals and organizing hotel rooms.

SEIU — which had wanted to go to Michigan from the beginning, but been ordered not to — dialed Clinton's top campaign aides to tell them about the new plan. According to several people familiar with the call, Brooklyn was furious.

Turn that bus around, the Clinton team ordered SEIU. Those volunteers needed to stay in Iowa to fool Donald Trump into competing there, not drive to Michigan, where the Democrat's models projected a 5-point win through the morning of Election Day.

Michigan organizers were shocked. It was the latest case of Brooklyn ignoring on-the-ground intel and pleas for help in a race that they felt slipping away at the end.

[http://www.politico.com/story/2016/12/michigan-hillary-clinton-trump-232547?](http://www.politico.com/story/2016/12/michigan-hillary-clinton-trump-232547?hpid=hp-top-story-table-main%3Aclinton-trump%3Ahomepage%2Fstory&hpt=hp-top-story-table-main)

An Enemy of the Kremlin Dies in London

Who killed Alexander Perepilichny?

On November 10, 2012, Alexander Perepilichny was feeling a little under the weather. He decided to try to shake it off by taking a few laps around the gated community southwest of London where Russian émigrés like him lived in multimillion-dollar mansions alongside members of the English elite. Perepilichny jogged through a neighborhood of homes once owned by Elton John, Kate Winslet, John Lennon, and Ringo Starr.

He collapsed on Granville Road, within 100 meters of the house he was renting for \$20,000 a month. Police and medics were called to the scene, but within 30 minutes, Perepilichny was pronounced dead.

Police told the press the death was "unexplained." A 44-year-old man of average build and above-average wealth had simply fallen down and died in the leafy suburb he'd recently begun calling home.

Among the material facts not known at the time was that Perepilichny was in good health, as proved by a physical he'd had for a life-insurance policy soon before his death. That he'd traveled that morning from Paris, where he had, inexplicably, reserved two hotel rooms in different parts of the city for the same nights. That he'd been meeting with a man he said was from the Russian government, but who was actually an affiliate of a Russian criminal syndicate. And that he'd gotten an ominous phone call informing him that police had found his name on a hit list in the home of an alleged Chechen contract killer.

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China's Unfinished Trade Revolution

Dec. 11 marks the 15th anniversary of China's accession to the World Trade Organization. Measured by its impact on the Chinese economy, which has grown almost tenfold since 2001, accession to the WTO was no less momentous than the epochal changes ushered in by the start of "Reform and Opening" in 1978 or the fiscal and political recentralization that followed the 1989 Tiananmen crisis. In the scale and speed of changes it wrought on Chinese society and politics, WTO accession was hardly less revolutionary than the Great Leap Forward of 1958-1961 or the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution of 1966-1976. And in terms of their import for the structure of the global economy, few events in recent memory equal China's entry into the organization. By virtually any indicator, Dec. 11, 2001, was an inflection point not only for China's economy but also for much of the world's. But the

anniversary also highlights how Chinese integration into the global economy remains incomplete.

On Sunday, a key provision contained in Article 15 of China's WTO accession protocols will expire. At issue is what countries must do to make the case that China is subsidizing exports as a way to undercut competition abroad. The provision stipulates that unless producers in China can "clearly show that market conditions prevail" in a given sector, WTO members importing Chinese goods from that sector can use a different methodology for assessing whether to impose anti-dumping measures. Rather than compare Chinese domestic and export prices for a good (the standard procedure for market economies), the provision allows WTO members to compare Chinese prices with rates for the same good in countries with similar levels of development. In practice, this provision makes it much easier to launch anti-dumping investigations in the WTO and to impose protective tariffs on Chinese imports than if China were recognized as a market economy.

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Don't Assume That Russia Hacked the U.S. Election

The attribution of a cyber attack to a particular nation-state often relies on the results of previous assessments, and on the assumption that those earlier assessments were correct. Problem is, there's rarely any affirmative validation. If we correctly identify North Korea as the perpetrator of a hack, no North Korean official will come forward and say "Whoops! You got us!"

Many security experts doubted the FBI's original assessment of the Sony hack, including one researcher who previously infiltrated Sony's network himself. Sony Group has a long and well-documented history of network breaches across all its

subsidiaries. Why did the FBI blame North Korea and not "somebody sitting in a bed someplace?"

Assessing a cyber attack is more art than science. Intelligence analysis deals with information that is often intentionally deceptive. As Central Intelligence Agency veteran Richards Heuer, Jr. explains, "The significance of information is always a joint function of the nature of the information and the context in which it is interpreted."

This feels uncomfortable to those who want to be sure beyond a reasonable doubt. Extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence, and the idea that a nuclear-armed state stole Democratic National Committee emails to interfere with the U.S. election is a pretty extraordinary claim. After all, multinational corporations have suffered much bigger data breaches at the hands of hackers with far fewer resources.

Unfortunately, intelligence agencies tend to avoid revealing their sources, lest they alienate their allies. As we learned from Edward Snowden's leaked documents, the National Security Agency relies on "fourth party collection," which entails stealing information that foreign agencies have collected on their own surveillance targets. For example, the NSA has spied on South Korea to find out what South Korea has learned from spying on North Korea.

Intelligence agencies expect people to trust them, but they also have to earn that trust. It was only last Friday that President Obama ordered a review of potential election-related hacking.

While the idea of Russian meddling might fit conveniently into the collective disbelief that Donald Trump could have won the election fairly, we should probably demand more evidence before freaking out.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/view/articles/2016-12-13/don-t-assume-that-russia-hacked-the-u-s-election>

George Soros, Big Banks And Google Fund Anti-Trump Resistance Group

The liberal think tank Center for American Progress (CAP), now fashioning itself as a powerful anti-Trump force, is funded by George Soros, big banks and several large corporations.

CAP, founded in 2003 by former Hillary Clinton campaign chair John Podesta, has long been a prominent liberal think tank in Washington. Now, they look to be the leader of efforts on the left to fight against Donald Trump's incoming administration though their advocacy wing, the Center for American Progress Action Fund (CAPAF).

The action fund is funded by the main group, CAP, according to their "Our Supporters" page. Other funders of CAPAF are the big Hollywood group Motion Picture Association of America and the labor union Service Employees International Union.

The home page of CAPAF simply reads "Resist," and has a button to "Join the Resistance." On the actual page describing the resistance, posted Thursday, it says, "RESIST HATE. RESIST CORRUPTION. RESIST INJUSTICE. FORGE PROGRESS."

<http://dailycaller.com/2016/12/15/george-soros-big-banks-and-google-fund-anti-trump-resistance-group/>



Putin's Revenge

Twenty years before Vladimir Putin began his ingenious campaign to influence the U.S. presidential election, his predecessor as

Russia's president stood on a dark street near the White House. In his underpants. Looking for a pizza.

It was September 1994, and Boris Yeltsin was in Washington for a state visit with his new friend, President Bill Clinton. The Soviet Union had collapsed just three years earlier, and a relationship was blossoming between the U.S. and Russia, one that held the promise of burying decades of hostility. Russia's abrupt transition from communist dictatorship was chaotic, but a fragile democratic process and nascent capitalism were taking hold. U.S. officials entertained visions of a Western-friendly Russia as a partner in a stable and secure Europe. To that end, Clinton and Yeltsin had built an alliance on the shared goal of preventing a revanchist security state from taking power in Moscow and returning the U.S. and Russia to a Cold War state of hostility. During one early visit to Moscow, Clinton told a young audience to "choose hope over fear" and "find a new definition of Russia's greatness."

Rarely had an American and a Russian leader been so chummy. Clinton and Yeltsin were buddies, two lovable rascals with big appetites. But something else was different as well: For the first time in decades, Russia was the obvious number two in the relationship. Stripped of its Iron Curtain puppet states, its economy in tatters and its military breaking down, Russia was a shrinking, messy place. And its president was becoming an embarrassment. A presumed alcoholic, Yeltsin would often lose his balance in public, sending aides scurrying to prop him back up. In one slurred telephone conversation with Clinton, the Russian proposed that the men hold a secret meeting on a submarine.

But nothing could top that fall night in 1994. While staying at Blair House—the guest residence for visiting foreign dignitaries across Pennsylvania Avenue from the White House—Yeltsin slipped past his security, stumbled down the stairs and stepped onto the street. "Pizza! Pizza!" he blurted at the Secret Service agents who intercepted him. (There are two versions of the story: In one that Clinton himself told to a biographer, Yeltsin is on the street; in another, he's stopped before he makes it out the door.)

The next day, Clinton and Yeltsin had a long and friendly meeting. Their fates were connected: Clinton wanted a friendly and stable Russia as a foreign policy success story. Yeltsin needed American money to avoid a total economic collapse. When Clinton raised plans to expand the NATO alliance into eastern Europe, Yeltsin didn't object. The men even agreed that Russia itself might one day join NATO—a concept that seems downright ludicrous today, as Putin threatens the alliance with nuclear exercises. At a press conference afterwards, the two men clowning around. Yeltsin was in an antic state that one White House aide dubbed "high jabberwocky," while Clinton himself doubled over with laughter at his Russian friend's playfulness.

Looking back today, the scene is infused with almost unbelievable optimism: the idea that the U.S. and Russia could be military allies, with one helping the other to grow an open and truly democratic society.

[http://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2016/12/russia-putin-hack-dnc-clinton-election-2016-cold-war-214532?](http://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2016/12/russia-putin-hack-dnc-clinton-election-2016-cold-war-214532?hpid=hp-top-story-table-main%3Aputin-hack%3Fhpid=hp-top-story-table-main%3Aputin-hack)

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The Top Issues for States in 2017

With 2016 coming to a close, most state lawmakers are heading back to their state capitols to tackle many important issues. Highlighted below are some of the biggest problems facing the states.

Budget and Tax. States are seeking ways to create a better business climate to attract jobs and businesses. Some states have been passing right-to-work laws, pushing tax reform, and reforming their public-pension systems, while others have increased taxes and regulations. More states are likely to implement work requirements and other welfare reforms to help move people from government dependency to self-sufficiency.

Education Reform. Education outcomes in America continue to lag globally, even though per-pupil spending in the United States is much higher than spending in other nations. Many states have responded by expanding school choice through increased access to charter schools, vouchers, education savings accounts (ESAs), parent-trigger programs, and tax-credit scholarships. Additionally, some states are continuing to fight back against Common Core State Standards and Common Core-related testing mandates, which lower quality and remove important, traditional methods of teaching.

Energy and Environment. The United States has become a leader in energy production, despite efforts made by radical environmentalists to discourage the use of traditional energy sources, such as coal, natural gas, and oil. This is due to several factors, including the development of effective horizontal drilling techniques and the rise of hydraulic fracturing, commonly called fracking. It has also occurred because concerns related to global warming have diminished. With the Clean Power Plan on life support, state lawmakers are much more likely to consider pro-environment, pro-energy, and pro-jobs solutions in 2017.

Health Care. States continue to look at ways to help expand competition and reduce the cost of health care - even with the future of the Affordable Care Act uncertain. Solutions being discussed include using telemedicine, rolling back certificate of need laws, and embracing direct primary care. Nineteen states opted not to expand Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and now it is likely additional waivers seeking to fix some of the problems that have plagued the program for years will be approved by the incoming Trump administration.

Constitutional Reform. State elected officials are increasingly concerned by the national government's lack of fiscal discipline. Many are considering the use of Article V of the U.S. Constitution to restore the role of the states and to prevent burdening future generations with ever-greater government debt.

The Heartland Institute's *Ten State Solutions to Emerging Issues* is an informative and concise booklet examining 10 of the most useful public policy solutions to important issues facing the states. The solutions identified are proven reform ideas that have gained significant momentum among the states and with legislators in recent years.

The Heartland Institute is happy to provide free copies of *Ten State Solutions to Emerging Issues*, send an expert to your state to testify or brief your caucus, help organize an event, or provide additional research on these issues. If you have any questions or comments, please contact John Nothdurft, director of government relations, at John@heartland.org or by calling 312/377-4000.

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Health Care

Research & Commentary: Florida Considering Block Grants for Medicaid

In this *Research & Commentary*, Senior Policy Analyst Matthew Glans discusses Medicaid funding and using block grants to improve funding and program flexibility. Block grants, he writes, modernize Medicaid and give states the flexibility to experiment with their Medicaid programs. Glans also says block grants help states find new and better ways to provide care for the needy. [Read more](#)

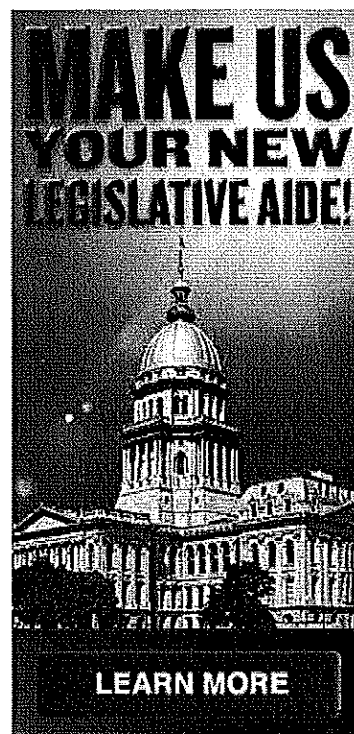
Education

Tax Credit Scholarship Programs Save Taxpayers Billions, Report Finds

In this article for *School Reform News*, Managing Editor Teresa Mull writes about a new report from EdChoice that found publicly funded private school choice programs save taxpayers billions of dollars, because many students leave government schools. The report analyzed the fiscal impact of 10 tax-credit scholarships in seven states - representing 93 percent of all scholarships awarded in tax-credit scholarship programs today - and found these programs generated cumulative net savings worth between \$1.7 billion and \$3.4 billion compared to when they were launched to 2014. This adds up to between \$1,650 and \$3,000 per scholarship issued. [Read more](#)

Energy & Environment

Utah Counties Sue Federal Government to Halt 'Illegal' Coal Leasing Moratorium



POLICY NEWSPAPER

In this article from *Environment & Climate News*, Managing Editor H. Sterling Burnett writes about six Utah counties that are suing the U.S. Department of Interior (DOI) in a federal District Court. The counties are suing to overturn a moratorium on federal coal leases the secretary of the interior issued in January 2016. The six counties party to the lawsuit - Beaver, Carbon, Garfield, Kane, Piute, and San Juan Counties - are asking the court to enjoin the moratorium for violating the Administrative Procedure Act and to award the counties the costs involved in fighting the suit. The counties, which are economically dependent upon coal, claim DOI and the Bureau of Land Management violated the 1969 National Environmental Policy Act by unilaterally issuing the moratorium before carrying out a required pre-moratorium impact statement. [Read more](#)

Budget and Tax

Research & Commentary: Dramatic Gas Tax Hike Won't Help Alaska Maintain Its Roads

In this *Research & Commentary*, Senior Policy Analyst Matthew Glans examines a budget proposal from Alaska Gov. Bill Walker (I) that includes a doubling of the state's gasoline tax from 8 cents per gallon to 16 cents per gallon on July 1, 2017, which would then increase to 24 cents per gallon on July 1, 2018. Taxes on maritime fuel, aviation gas, and jet fuel would also rise at the same rate. Increasing the tax on the sale of motor fuel, Glans says, increases the cost of transportation, which harms all consumers, including many low-income people. Glans also says it is not appropriate to add the burden of additional taxes or fee increases on households that are already cash-strapped. He recommends Alaska legislators instead explore more modern and efficient ways to fund road construction and traffic infrastructure, such as privatizing roads and establishing toll systems. [Read more](#)

From Our Free-Market Friends

Texas Public Policy Foundation Releases: Restoring Liberty through the States—and the People

The Texas Public Policy Foundation (TPPF) has released *Restoring Liberty Through the States and the People*, a "road map for America to re-center federal governance on only constitutionally enumerated powers." TPPF says restoring states' rights will "maximize liberty and prosperity." "The principles of liberty, personal responsibility and free enterprise that have guided Texas to levels of unprecedented prosperity underscore our commitment at the Texas Public Policy Foundation to provide a similar vision for national leaders," said Brooke Rollins, president and CEO of TPPF. "That is why we are pleased to release *Restoring Liberty through the*



Health Care News reports on a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services memo signaling the agency's willingness to pay off insurers suffering under the Affordable Care Act by redirecting monies in a special reserved Treasury Department fund. Nathan Nascimento, a senior policy advisor at Freedom Partners, said, "This is a transparent attempt to manipulate the justice system to force taxpayers to bail out another failed Obamacare program."

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States—in which we offer solutions to re-center the discussion on our greatest assets: the people and the states that make up our great nation.” [Read more](#)

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**REPUBLICAN LIBERTY CAUCUS OF OHIO SEES OPPORTUNITY IN
ELECTION OF TIMKEN TO LEAD ORP**

(Columbus, Ohio) January 9, 2017: The Republican Liberty Caucus of Ohio (RLCOH) congratulates Jane Timken in her election as Chairwoman of the Ohio Republican Party.

While many have correctly framed this race between Matt Borges and Jane Timken as a battle between the Kasich and Trump camps, there is much more here than first meets the eye.

Says RLCOH Chairman, Bill Yarbrough, "We were very excited to see Ms. Timken run on a pledge to correct some very specific problems with the ORP and are confident these matters will be addressed.

Specifically, the RLCOH has been vocal about:

- ORP leadership violating its own by-laws in advocating for the defeat of specific Republican candidates for office.
- ORP leadership expressing reluctance to stand for liberty ideals in a party platform like Right to Work, more freedom, less regulation, less taxation, and smaller budgets.
- ORP leadership utilizing party funds for questionable practices.

Ms. Timken appears poised to tackle these issues head-on.

RLCOH Board member Ann Becker cast her vote for Ms. Timken as a State Central Committee member from Butler County. "Jane has the leadership style needed to make the Ohio Republican Party one of the strongest parties in the nation. Her focus on transparency and inclusiveness of differing ideas will help strengthen the relationship between grassroots Republicans and the Party. I am excited to work with her."

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The Republican Liberty Caucus is a 527 voluntary grassroots membership organization dedicated to working within the Republican Party to advance the principles of individual rights,

limited government and free markets. Founded in 1991, it is the oldest continuously-operating organization within the Liberty Republican movement.

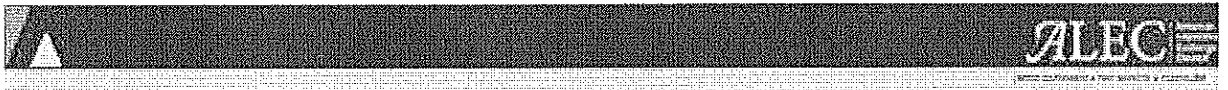
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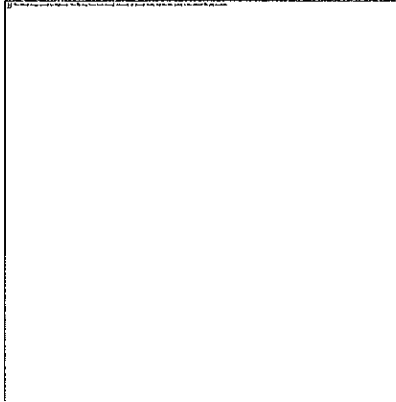
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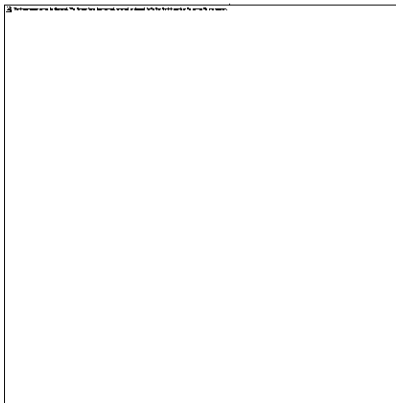
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Kentucky Becomes the 27th Right-to-Work State

Over the weekend, Kentucky lawmakers and Governor Bevin moved swiftly to fulfill one of the most repeated campaign promises of the election, make Kentucky a right-to-work state. Making the issue a top priority, lawmakers achieved this goal after just one week of session, with the Senate passing the measure and the Governor signing it during a rare weekend legislative session. The legislation is effective immediately and represents a win for both Kentucky's workers and the economy overall...[**Read More**](#)



House REINS in Government Red Tape

Last week, an eager House of Representatives got to work and quickly fulfilled one of the season's most significant campaign promises—regulatory reform. With an eye toward protecting the economy from the deluge of federal regulations that have become all too commonplace, the House **passed** the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny, or REINS Act, for the third and likely final time. As the name implies, the law is a powerful tool for reining in the powers of the executive branch, most often exercised through sweeping regulations that face no Congressional oversight...[**Read More**](#)

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Kentucky Hits the Ground Running, Becomes 27th Right-to-Work State

On January 7, Kentucky became the nation's 27th state to pass right-to-work legislation. Implemented in 1947, the Taft-Hartley Act (THA) allows states to adopt right-to-work laws. Right-to-work gives employees the freedom to choose whether to join a labor union and pay union dues.

According to the [National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation](#), "A Right to Work law secures the right of employees to decide for themselves whether or not to join or financially support a union. However, employees who work in the railway or airline industries are not protected by a Right to Work law, and employees who work on a federal enclave may not be. Moreover, a Right to Work law does not prohibit limitations on when a dues deduction authorization card can be revoked." 0

Kentucky has one of the highest union membership rates in the South, and many analysts believe that is because it is one of only a few states in the region without a right-to-work law.

Bill Morris, a staff writer for the *Washington Free Beacon*, wrote in a recent article, "About 200,000 Kentucky workers were dues-paying union members in 2015, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Union membership has grown in recent years, with a membership rate of 11 percent of the workforce—a 28 percent increase from 2009."

According the [Bluegrass Institute](#), in the first week of the 2017 legislative session, the Kentucky Legislature passed and Gov. Matt Bevin (R) signed laws addressing the following issues:

- Kentucky became a right-to-work state. No longer are Kentuckians forced to join a union as a condition of employment.
- Kentucky made legislators' pensions transparent.
- Kentucky repealed the arbitrary and artificial "prevailing-wage" requirements on public projects, saving taxpayers millions of dollars on new schools and government buildings.
- Kentucky prohibited union dues from being used to fund politics.

- And Kentucky determined that union membership should come with an “opt-in” requirement, not just a *de facto* “yes” that one must later opt out of.

F. Vincent Vernuccio, the Mackinac Center’s director of labor policy, pointed out in a recent *Wall Street Journal* article voters in right-to-work states have rewarded lawmakers who supported the change, writing, “[T]he union’s bark is a lot worse than its bite when it comes to the election afterward.”

Vernuccio also suggested Kentucky could be the first of several states to pass right-to-work legislation in 2017. “We may see up to 29 [states] before the spring. You’re definitely seeing a snowball effect, and more and more states are looking to give workers freedom.”

States that do not have right-to-work policies should consider implementing them. As the experience of other states shows, right-to-work legislation has a positive effect on states’ economies, workers, and population growth.

WHAT WE’RE WORKING ON

Budget & Tax

Roadmap for the 21st Century: Welfare Reform

This paper, authored by the Roadmap for the 21st Century Working Group on Poverty and Welfare Reform, describes the “perverse incentives stemming from our outdated, fossilized welfare system” and shows how those incentives can be reversed. The paper summarizes the reform proposals offered by House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) and U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL), and it reveals a new plan that would make the Ryan and Rubio proposals even more effective. The plan described by the Working Group authors would maintain the necessary social safety net while also making it more effective and less economically burdensome on taxpayers. [Read more](#)



Education

Research & Commentary: Cuomo’s ‘Free’ Tuition Plan Won’t Help Poor Students or Reduce College Costs

In this *Research & Commentary*, Policy Analyst Tim Benson examines New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s (D) plan to provide “free” tuition at all Empire State public colleges and universities for students whose families are earning up to \$125,000 per year. Because lower-income students already qualify for enough aid to pay for tuition at New York state universities, most of the students who will be helped by this bill will be from middle- and upper-middle-income households, which means New York’s lower- and middle-income families will be paying taxes to subsidize the higher education of children belonging to their affluent and upper-middle-income

neighbors. Instead of instituting what would amount to a welfare program for upper-middle-income households, Benson argues, New York would be better off directing this money to school choice programs for low-income K-12 students stuck in poorly performing neighborhood public schools, such as tax credit scholarship programs and education savings account plans. [Read more](#)

Energy & Environment

Purdue Researchers Find GMO Ban Would Result in Higher Food Prices and Greenhouse-Gas Emissions

In this story published in *Environment & Climate News*, Managing Editor H. Sterling Burnett writes about a new study in the *Journal of Environmental Protection*. Authored by researchers at Purdue University, the study claims a global ban on genetically modified organisms (GMOs) would result in higher carbon-dioxide emissions and cost billions of dollars in lost welfare. Absent the use of GMO crops, the study finds food prices would be between 0.27 percent and 2.2 percent higher, depending on the region. The study also argues if countries that currently plant GMO crops increase the amount of GMOs they plant to levels comparable to that of the United States, greenhouse-gas emissions would fall by approximately 0.2 billion tons of carbon dioxide globally and up to two million acres of land would revert to forests, grasslands, and wetlands. [Read more](#)

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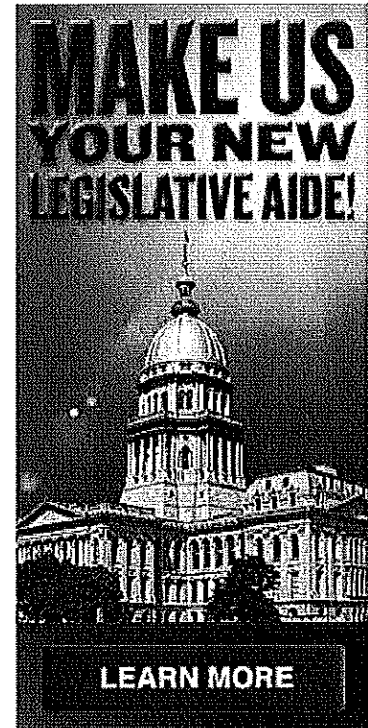
Study: Two-Thirds of Medicaid Expansion Enrollees Were Already Eligible

In this *Health Care News* article, reporter Ben Johnson discusses a *New England Journal of Medicine* article coauthored Jonathan Gruber, a Massachusetts Institute of Technology professor and one of the architects of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The *New England Journal* article, published in October 2016, found most enrollees in state Medicaid expansion programs were eligible for the government-sponsored health insurance program before the ACA-created expansion went into effect. This means federal taxpayers are paying a higher share of states' Medicaid bills than they should. [Read more](#)

From Our Free-Market Friends

Laboratories of Democracy: How States Get Excellent K-12 U.S. History Standards

Pioneer Education, a center focusing on education reform at The Pioneer Institute, recently released a study that highlights best practices for establishing and updating K-12 history standards. Authors Anders Lewis and William Donovan



POLICY NEWSPAPER



The January 2017 issue of *Budget & Tax News* reports on the election of Donald Trump, Republicans' continued control of both houses of Congress ... and what it all might mean for downsizing the federal government. Genevieve Wood, a senior fellow at The Heritage Foundation, gave taxpayers reason for hope: "I think you can expect to see

recommend states use an academically rigorous and open approach to update standards that would provide members of the public and teachers with multiple opportunities to express their views throughout the drafting and review phases of standards development. The co-authors also suggest the development of standards that are academically detailed and specific. The study highlights efforts to update well-respected history standards in six states: Alabama, California, Indiana, Massachusetts, New York, and South Carolina. For instance, the study points to California's recent standards update in 2016, which, according to the authors, yielded standards that have been poorly received compared to past standards implemented in California and elsewhere. The authors also say the standards in California have drawn accusations of partisanship and ideological bias. [Read more](#)

bold reforms, and by that, I mean a real shrinking back and pulling back of the federal government's power when it comes to taxes, regulations, [and] telling people how to live their everyday lives."

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On December 15, The Heartland Institute hosted its 2016 Winter Emerging Issues Forum (EIF). More than 120 state elected officials and policy experts from 23 states attended this magical EIF in Orlando, Florida.

Tennessee state Rep. Mike Sparks (R-Rutherford) praised Heartland's winter EIF event, stating, "As a state legislator, you may often feel alone on a few issues, but having The Heartland Institute as a resource is invaluable."

[YouTube channel.](#)

The education panel featured Tennessee state Rep. John J. DeBerry Jr. (R- Shelby County), Jamie Gass, the Pioneer Institute's director of the Center for School Reform, and Lisa Snell, the Reason Foundation's director of education and child welfare. The panelists discussed how education outcomes in America continue to lag globally, the debate over Common Core State Standards, and educational choice options such as education savings accounts and charter schools. The panel also analyzed the roadblocks currently facing lawmakers who are working to transform education. [Watch a video of the education panel here.](#)

The health care panel featured Beacon Center of Tennessee Director of Policy Lindsay Boyd, clinical endocrinologist Dr. Richard O. Dolinar, and Sal Nuzzo, the James Madison Institute's policy director. The panelists discussed how states could expand competition and reduce the cost of health care (even with the Affordable Care Act in place). Solutions discussed included using telemedicine, rolling back certificate of need laws, and embracing direct primary care. [Watch a video of the health care panel here.](#)

The energy and environment panel featured Maine state Rep. Beth A. O'Connor (R-Berwick), Amy Oliver Cooke, the Independence Institute's vice president and the director of the energy policy center, and Spark of Freedom Foundation President James Taylor. The panelists discussed how America has become a leader in energy production despite President Barack Obama's efforts to discourage the use of traditional energy sources, such as coal, natural gas, and oil. This panel also discussed the rise of hydraulic fracturing, the demise of renewable

power mandates, and pro-environment, pro-energy, and pro-jobs solutions to America's energy and environment problems. [Watch a video of the energy and environment panel here.](#)

The budget and tax panel featured West Virginia state Del. John Overington (R-Berkeley), Beacon Center of Tennessee Director of Policy Lindsay Boyd, and State Budget Solutions President Bob Williams. The panelists discussed ways states are seeking to create a better business climate to attract jobs and businesses to their states. The panelists also discussed right-to-work laws, tax reform, and reforming public pension systems. [Watch a video of the budget and tax panel here.](#)

Stay tuned as Heartland prepares to host its 2017 Emerging Issues Forum!

WHAT WE'RE WORKING ON

Budget & Tax

Research & Commentary: Dramatic Gas Tax Hike Won't Help Alaska Maintain Its Roads

Alaska Gov. Bill Walker (I) recently introduced a proposal that would hike the state's gas tax rate as part of his 2018 budget plan. The tax would quadruple from 8 cents per gallon to 24 cents per gallon on July 1, 2018. In this *Research & Commentary*, Matthew Glans argues Alaska legislators should explore more modern and efficient ways to fund road construction and traffic infrastructure, such as privatizing roads and establishing toll systems. [Read more](#)

Education

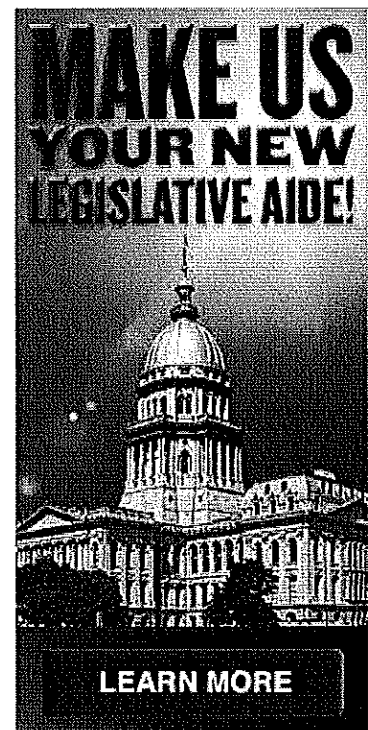
Roadmap for the 21st Century: Education Choice

This paper, authored by the Roadmap for the 21st Century Working Group on Education, describes how education choice and competition improve educational outcomes for both those students who take advantage of choice opportunities as well as those who remain in traditional public schools. The authors also outline how education choice would improve economic prosperity at the national and state levels. According to the authors, "If all American students and their parents were free to choose the school they believed would work best for them, [educational achievement gaps] could be closed. Nationwide, that would mean an increase in U.S. GDP of up to 17% to 30%, or \$3.1 trillion to \$5.2 trillion over 25 years, given the current level of U.S. GDP." [Read more](#)

Energy & Environment

Utah Counties Sue Federal Government Over Coal Lease Moratorium

In this article for *Environment & Climate News*, reporter Kenneth Artz writes about a lawsuit filed against the U.S.



POLICY NEWSPAPER

Department of the Interior (DOI) and the Bureau of Land Management by Utah's Kane and Garfield Counties, which argues they and other rural communities around Utah will be economically devastated by the loss of hundreds of jobs and the closing of crucial mining sites if the Obama administration's moratorium on new coal leases on federal lands continues. The Obama administration, Artz notes, issued the moratorium in January 2015 as part of its review and overhaul of the coal-leasing program managed by DOI. The Obama administration says the moratorium was necessary due to concerns related to the theory man is causing climate change and because the administration wanted to examine whether taxpayers are receiving a fair return on the leases. However, now that Donald Trump is entering the White House, the dispute could be short-lived. [Read more](#)

Health Care

The Case for Licensing Dental Therapists in North Dakota

A joint publication of The Heartland Institute and Texas Public Policy Foundation, this *Policy Brief* makes a case for the licensing of dental therapists in North Dakota to improve access to basic and preventative oral care. The *Policy Brief* was authored by Michael Hamilton and Bette Grande, both research fellows at The Heartland Institute, and John Davidson, a senior fellow at the Texas Public Policy Foundation. Grande served as a North Dakota state representative from 1996 to 2014, representing the 41st district. The authors urge North Dakota to follow the example set in Maine, Minnesota, and Vermont, which have proven licensing dental therapists is a win-win for residents and dentistry professionals. The report includes 64 footnotes citing research concerning the benefits of dental therapy. [Read more](#)

From Our Free-Market Friends

The Thomas Jefferson Institute Releases New Hospital Study

The Thomas Jefferson Institute recently released its annual analysis of Virginia hospitals' financial wellbeing, titled *Virginia's Hospitals: Doing Well in a Sluggish Economy*. The report confirms the hospital industry in Virginia has continued to enjoy solid earnings, and the authors say the industry's financial health remains strong. This year's study, authored by President Michael W. Thompson, shows hospitals earned a profit of \$1.89 billion in 2015, slightly less than the \$1.9 billion in 2014 - a difference of only six-one-hundredths of one percent. Additionally, the net worth of hospitals increased by 6.6 percent, or about \$1.1 billion. Thompson found in the report, "Over the past four years - from 2012 through 2015 - the number of hospitals running in the red has decreased by 35% - from 42 in 2012 to 27 in 2015." [Read more](#)



The January 2017 issue of *Budget & Tax News* reports on the election of Donald Trump, Republicans' continued control of both houses of Congress ... and what it all might mean for downsizing the federal government. Genevieve Wood, a senior fellow at The Heritage Foundation, gave taxpayers reason for hope: "I think you can expect to see bold reforms, and by that, I mean a real shrinking back and pulling back of the federal government's power when it comes to taxes, regulations, [and] telling people how to live their everyday lives."

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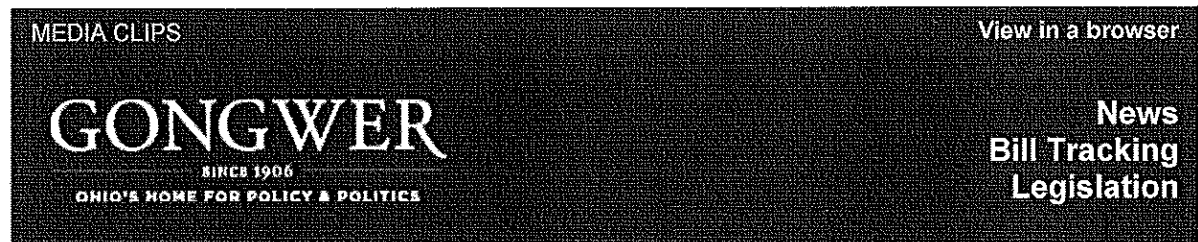
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NEWS

Governor: Ohio must embrace future, change Rust Belt image (Akron Beacon Journal, 2/2/2017)

With \$2.6M, Ohio creates network to support violence victims (Associated Press, 2/2/2017)

Kasich: Losing Amazon isn't 'game over' (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/2/2017)

Sanctuary city 'over our dead body,' Mandel says (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/2/2017)

Sen. Brown blocks committee vote on Trump's Treasury nominee (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/2/2017)

'Right to work' won't be popular in Ohio, state lawmakers say (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/2/2017)

New Ohio GOP Chairwoman Jane Timken's message for Kasich allies: 'I will not keep score' (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/2/2017)

Ohio to appeal court ruling preserving Cleveland's Fannie Lewis Law (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/2/2017)

Sherrod Brown stalls Steve Mnuchin, Josh Mandel slams sanctuary cities: Ohio Politics Roundup (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/2/2017)

Callers jam Senate phone lines with concerns about Trump nominees (Columbus Dispatch, 2/2/2017)

Kasich administration makes final push to Medicaid managed care (Columbus Dispatch, 2/2/2017)

Kasich says state did all it could to land \$1.4 billion Amazon hub (Columbus Dispatch, 2/2/2017)

Kasich tax plan faces questions from House panel (Columbus Dispatch, 2/2/2017)

The Daily Briefing: David Pepper, Jane Timken differ on which party has more energy (Columbus Dispatch, 2/2/2017)

Call volume overwhelms Senate switchboard (Dayton Daily News, 2/2/2017)

Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley 'considering' run for governor (Dayton Daily News, 2/2/2017)

Kasich gives his take on the Wright Brothers, Trump and Ohio's image (Dayton Daily News, 2/2/2017)

Ohio Gov John Kasich reacts to loss of 300 Amazon jobs to Kentucky (Dayton Daily News, 2/2/2017)

Ohio House speaker rents luxury condo from top GOP donor (Dayton Daily News, 2/2/2017)

Budget chief: Kasich conservative on growth (Toledo Blade, 2/2/2017)

Portman, Brown react to Supreme Court pick (Toledo Blade, 2/2/2017)

Senator's war chest ahead of 2012 pace (Toledo Blade, 2/2/2017)

EDITORIALS

Cities, refugees and the president's flawed executive order (Akron Beacon Journal, 2/2/2017)

Mandel: We are at war with radical Islam (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/2/2017)

Sen. Rob Portman must lead in legislative efforts to counter President Trump's dangerously expansive travel ban: editorial (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/2/2017)

Committed to the law (Toledo Blade, 2/2/2017)

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Hi Stuart,

Thank you for sending this to me. I appreciate hearing from you. HR 785 is federal legislation that Congress is considering. I would encourage you to contact Congressman Jim Jordan to voice your opinion on this matter. You can do so by visiting his website www.jordan.house.gov.

Sincerely,
Bill Reineke
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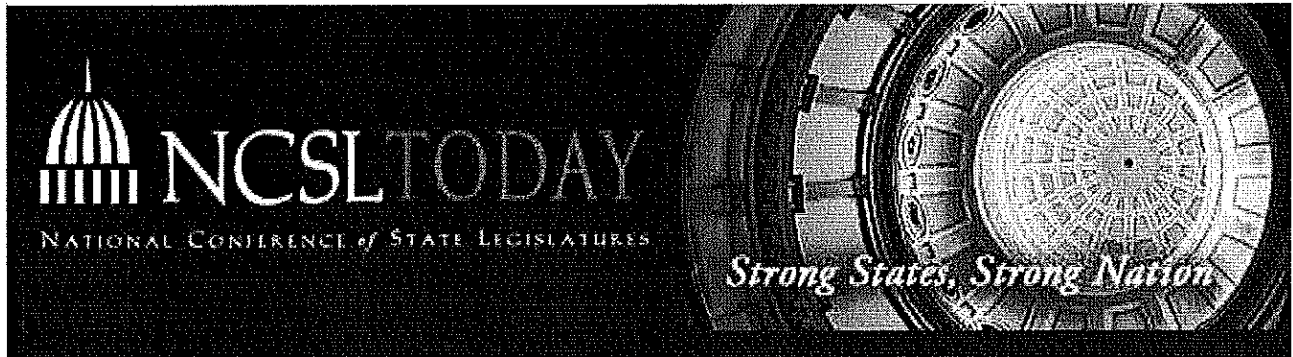
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What's driving population decline in more states?

Stateline

More states lost population last year than in 30 years. Some of the loss can be attributed to national demographic trends — but not all of it.

Bipartisan Tennessee bill would require safety restraint systems in all school buses

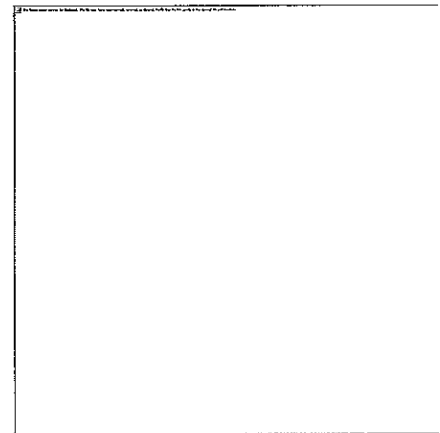
Chattanooga Times Free Press

Beginning July 1, 2018, the bill will require safety restraint systems on any Tennessee school bus ordered or purchased by a public or private school or system intended to transport students, as well as for extracurricular activities and other school events. **NCSL data cited.**

NCSL resources on school bus safety.

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A Rocky Road: new issue of State Legislatures magazine

Broadly speaking, public-private partnerships, known as P3s, are agreements in which a private-sector party provides a service

U.S. starts year with jobs surge but pay gains are weak

The New York Times

Employers added a healthy 227,000 workers to their payrolls in January, the government reported on Friday. But despite a surge of local minimum-wage increases, average hourly earnings grew by only 0.1 percent.

Missouri lawmakers send right-to-work law to governor's desk

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

A moment long dreaded by the state's labor unions and their supporters arrived on Thursday, as Missouri lawmakers sent a right-to-work proposal to a Republican governor who has promised for months that he'd sign it. NCSL resources on right-to-work laws.

Kansas exceeds January revenue estimate, lawmakers mull how to close shortfall

Topeka Capitol-Journal

Kansas took in about \$24 million more than anticipated in January, the third month in a row in which revenue has met or exceeded expectations, though the windfall put only a small dent in the state's budget shortfall.

California lawmakers can't figure out what to do with Airbnb

The Los Angeles Times—A

Short-term rental legislation has failed in Sacramento for multiple reasons, those on all sides of the issue said, including cities' reluctance to let the state involve itself in local tax collection and the relative political strengths of both

that is traditionally delivered by a public agency. In terms of infrastructure, a private partner typically assumes significant responsibility and risk over a project's design, construction or operation.

NEWS NCSL

Federal action and health system changes

'Our American States': a new NCSL podcast

Capitol-to-Capitol state-federal newsletter

BLOG

Preventing opioid misuse; legislative trends and predictions

As overdose deaths from opioids—including prescription drugs—continue to rise, strategies to confront the epidemic are likely to stay at the forefront during the 2017 legislative sessions.

Airbnb and labor unions, which are typically the industry's most powerful adversaries.



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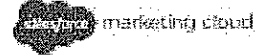
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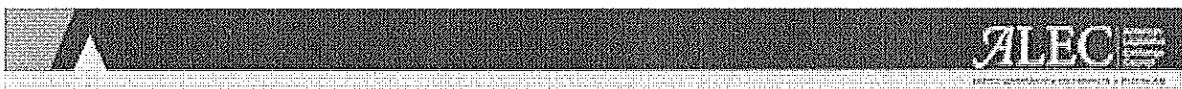


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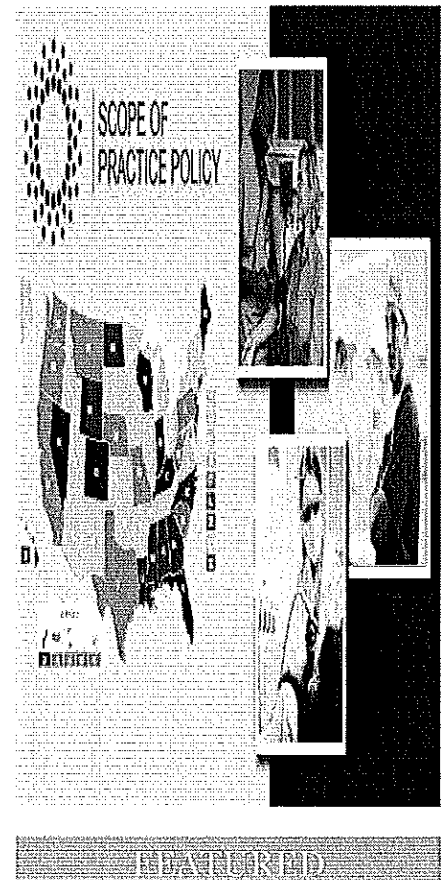
Health care providers will need to beef up language services, hire diverse staff, and pay attention to culturally appropriate care strategies.

State GOP leaders move swiftly as party bickers in Congress

The New York Times

Republicans have top-to-bottom control in 25 states now, holding both the governorship and the entire legislature, and Republican lawmakers are acting with lightning speed to enact longstanding conservative priorities.

Distracted driving penalties could increase statewide in Washington



Associated Press

Lawmakers heard emotional testimony this week from people who lost friends and family members in car accidents caused by drivers distracted by their phones. They are among many who want to make it illegal to hold any hand-held device while driving and ensure offenders receive harsher penalties. **NCSL data cited.**
NCSL resources on distracted driving.

States increasingly targeted by cybercriminals

State Net Capitol Journal

GCN, which provides research for public sector IT managers, reported that between 2013 and 2015 the number of cyberattacks on state computer networks in Utah increased 10,000-fold, from 50,000 to 20 million per day to 300 million to 500 million per day.
NCSL resources on state cybersecurity legislation.

Tapping private sector for roads and bridges poses hurdles for Trump

Bloomberg

Even as President Donald Trump vows to steer more private money toward improving U.S. roads, bridges and airports, familiar impediments may hinder investors. **NCSL data cited.**
NCSL toolkit for legislators on public-private partnerships for transportation.

Despite union resistance, right-to-work momentum is growing

Visit NCSL's new website on Scope of Practice Policy

A health care provider's scope of practice describes the procedures, actions and processes that a health care practitioner is permitted to undertake in keeping with the terms of his or her professional license.

NEW AT NCSL

Autonomous vehicles legislative database

Energy efficiency and renewables in lower-income homes

State Legislatures magazine: Rocky road to fix aging roads, bridges

BLOG

House committee votes to terminate Election Assistance Commission

The U.S. House Committee on House Administration voted 6-3 along party lines this week to

Governing

Several states have already passed right-to-work laws this year -- and their reach may finally expand into the Northeast.

NCSL resources on right-to-work laws.

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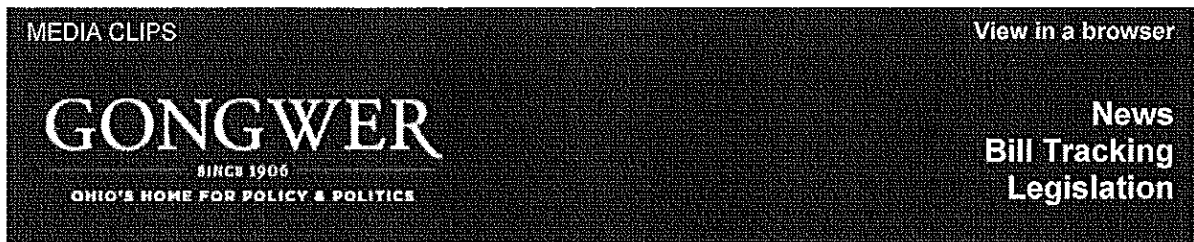
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Election, Women's March prompt women of color to seek office
(Associated Press, 2/14/2017)

How young is too young? 36,000 elementary school suspensions
(Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/14/2017)

Kasich: Enough with the 'Rust Belt' (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/14/2017)

'Right-to-work' bill introduced in Ohio House (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/14/2017)

Josh Mandel, gearing up for 2018 Senate run, has recruited campaign leaders in all 88 Ohio counties (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/14/2017)

Learn how much a new college savings proposal in Ohio could save you
(Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/14/2017)

Ohio Gov. John Kasich wants Sandusky to host this year's State of the State address (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/14/2017)

That time President Donald Trump crashed a Lindner's wedding: Ohio Politics Roundup (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/14/2017)

Kasich to give State of State in home of roller coasters and merry-go-rounds (Columbus Dispatch, 2/14/2017)

Statehouse maneuvering: Householder wants off committees (Columbus Dispatch, 2/14/2017)

The Daily Briefing: Former congressman, state lawmaker form lobbying firm (Columbus Dispatch, 2/14/2017)

The Daily Briefing: Trump's first presidential visit to Ohio canceled (Columbus Dispatch, 2/14/2017)

Your Right to Know: Drug-death records would be secret (Columbus Dispatch, 2/14/2017)

China shipments fuel local drug trade (Dayton Daily News, 2/14/2017)

Gov. Kasich looks to make big changes to K-12 schools (Dayton Daily News, 2/14/2017)

Ohio businesses set to cash in on pot (Dayton Daily News, 2/14/2017)

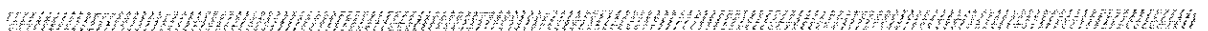
What do you want Gov. Kasich to focus on in 2017? (Dayton Daily News, 2/14/2017)

Bill to honor Walker hits House floor for 3rd time (Toledo Blade, 2/14/2017)

Kasich looks to deliver 2017 address in Sandusky (Toledo Blade, 2/14/2017)

Senators' registry bill moves forward (Toledo Blade, 2/14/2017)

EDITORIALS



Judges do their job in checking the executive (Akron Beacon Journal, 2/14/2017)

Editorial: Funding concerns still exist for College Credit Plus program (Canton Repository, 2/14/2017)

Editorial: More needed to fight overdoses (Columbus Dispatch, 2/14/2017)

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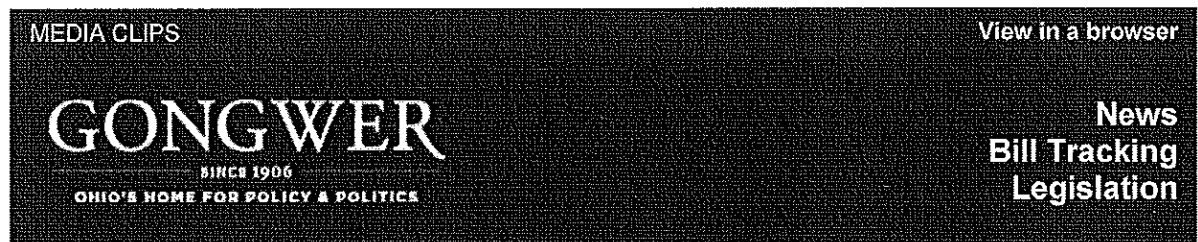
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Kasich would block access to heroin death reviews (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/15/2017)

Kasich: Teachers should job shadow with businesses to renew licenses (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/15/2017)

Ohio Dems in limbo on governor's race (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/15/2017)

Josh Mandel's Senate campaign names Portage County chairwoman -- but it's news to her (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/15/2017)

Ohio teachers would have to job shadow at a business to renew licenses under Gov. John Kasich's budget (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/15/2017)

Sen. Rob Portman says he listened to fierce critics of Betsy DeVos but 'did my own research' (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/15/2017)

Superintendents: Cut state tests, end As and Fs on state report cards (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/15/2017)

Talk it out: Should Ohio become a 'right to work' state? (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/15/2017)

**Are local resources enough to combat Ohio's opioid epidemic?
(Columbus Dispatch, 2/15/2017)**

Brown, Portman say Flynn made right decision to resign (Columbus Dispatch, 2/15/2017)

Latest study: Ohio-style Medicaid may save \$1B a year (Columbus Dispatch, 2/15/2017)

**Most vocational schools would lose funding under Kasich proposal
(Columbus Dispatch, 2/15/2017)**

Ohio House Dems say GOP tax cuts aren't working (Columbus Dispatch, 2/15/2017)

Ohio nurses want law limiting nurse-patient ratios (Columbus Dispatch, 2/15/2017)

**The Daily Briefing: Rob Secaur new executive director of Ohio GOP
(Columbus Dispatch, 2/15/2017)**

Trump may shrink EPA, but effects in Ohio to be delayed (Columbus Dispatch, 2/15/2017)

Cursive handwriting could be required for Ohio students again (Dayton Daily News, 2/15/2017)

New national security adviser a Dayton native (Dayton Daily News, 2/15/2017)

Ohio lawmakers react to resignation of Michael Flynn (Dayton Daily News, 2/15/2017)

Mandel lists campaign leaders for Senate bid (Toledo Blade, 2/15/2017)

Senators' registry bill moves forward (Toledo Blade, 2/15/2017)

EDITORIALS

Bid to ban Ohio sanctuary cities a craven political ploy: editorial
(Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/15/2017)

'You're fired' (Toledo Blade, 2/15/2017)

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Ohio bill: Kill the tampon tax (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/16/2017)

Andrew Puzder, Trump's Cleveland-born labor secretary nominee, withdraws amid controversy (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/16/2017)

Gov. John Kasich headed for Germany, England (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/16/2017)

Marsy's Law for Ohio begins campaign for crime victim ballot initiative (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/16/2017)

Ohio congress members Marcia Fudge, Tim Ryan back Jaime Harrison of SC for DNC chair (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/16/2017)

Talk it out: Should Ohio become a 'right to work' state? (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/16/2017)

Sherrod Brown, 10 other senators, call for special investigation of Flynn (Columbus Dispatch, 2/16/2017)

Sherrod Brown, Ohio labor leader glad that Puzder withdrew (Columbus Dispatch, 2/16/2017)

The Daily Briefing: It's official, Portman supports Gorsuch for Supreme Court (Columbus Dispatch, 2/16/2017)

The Daily Briefing: Kasich talking security, jobs in Germany, United Kingdom (Columbus Dispatch, 2/16/2017)

Crime victims seek more rights and protections in Ohio constitution (Dayton Daily News, 2/16/2017)

Ohio working on marijuana 'seed to sale' tracking (Dayton Daily News, 2/16/2017)

Should Ohio schools start after Labor Day? (Dayton Daily News, 2/16/2017)

Some speed limits in Ohio may change daily depending on traffic (Dayton Daily News, 2/16/2017)

Ohio clears wording of cocaine sentencing (Toledo Blade, 2/16/2017)

EDITORIALS

Trump, Flynn and the Russian link (Akron Beacon Journal, 2/16/2017)

Editorial: Enrollment drop is real problem (Columbus Dispatch, 2/16/2017)

Escaping DeVos (Toledo Blade, 2/16/2017)

We owe them (Toledo Blade, 2/16/2017)

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Subject: Ohio Media Clips, Friday, February 24



NEWS

GOP effort could ax prevailing wage for workers (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/24/2017)

Hundreds gather to protest Mitch McConnell and Donald Trump (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/24/2017)

2018 Ohio governor's race gets more 'official' with Mary Taylor: Ohio Politics Roundup (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/24/2017)

Halt Ohio's ESSA plan until state testing is cut, 150 angry educators, officials tell state (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/24/2017)

Indivisible town hall attendees take on the absent Rob Portman at Cleveland church (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/24/2017)

Ohio cities could stop paying prevailing wage to construction workers under proposed bill (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/24/2017)

Proposed limits for medical marijuana supply in Ohio among strictest (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/24/2017)

Sean Spicer headlining D.C. fundraiser for Ohio Sen. Frank LaRose (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/24/2017)

Buckeye, Cheesehead leaders team up to tackle Trump-era challenges (Columbus Dispatch, 2/24/2017)

GOP leaders oppose teacher 'externship' plan (Columbus Dispatch, 2/24/2017)

Kasich summoned to help craft Medicaid solution amid Obamacare repeal (Columbus Dispatch, 2/24/2017)

Mary Taylor now formally governor candidate (Columbus Dispatch, 2/24/2017)

Natural gas tax kicked from budget (Columbus Dispatch, 2/24/2017)

Trump's transgender policy won't change how most local schools operate (Columbus Dispatch, 2/24/2017)

Who really stopped Dems from attending Portman speech? (Columbus Dispatch, 2/24/2017)

Bills would streamline prescription process for Ohio patients (Dayton Daily News, 2/24/2017)

John Boehner: Repealing Obamacare just 'happy talk' (Dayton Daily News, 2/24/2017)

New rules set for medical marijuana use in Ohio (Dayton Daily News, 2/24/2017)

Gun silencer bills could spark sales (Toledo Blade, 2/24/2017)

Report finds \$1B in savings in higher ed (Toledo Blade, 2/24/2017)

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Deportation force, as pledged (Akron Beacon Journal, 2/24/2017)

Editorial: Talking is better than dodging (Columbus Dispatch, 2/24/2017)

Portman under wraps (Toledo Blade, 2/24/2017)

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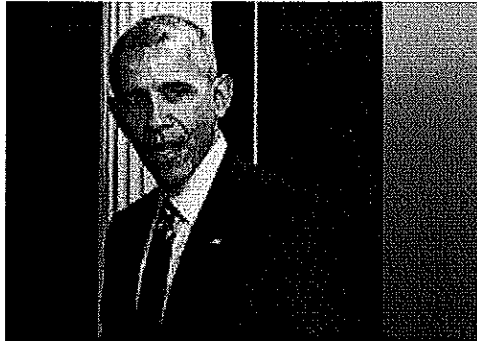
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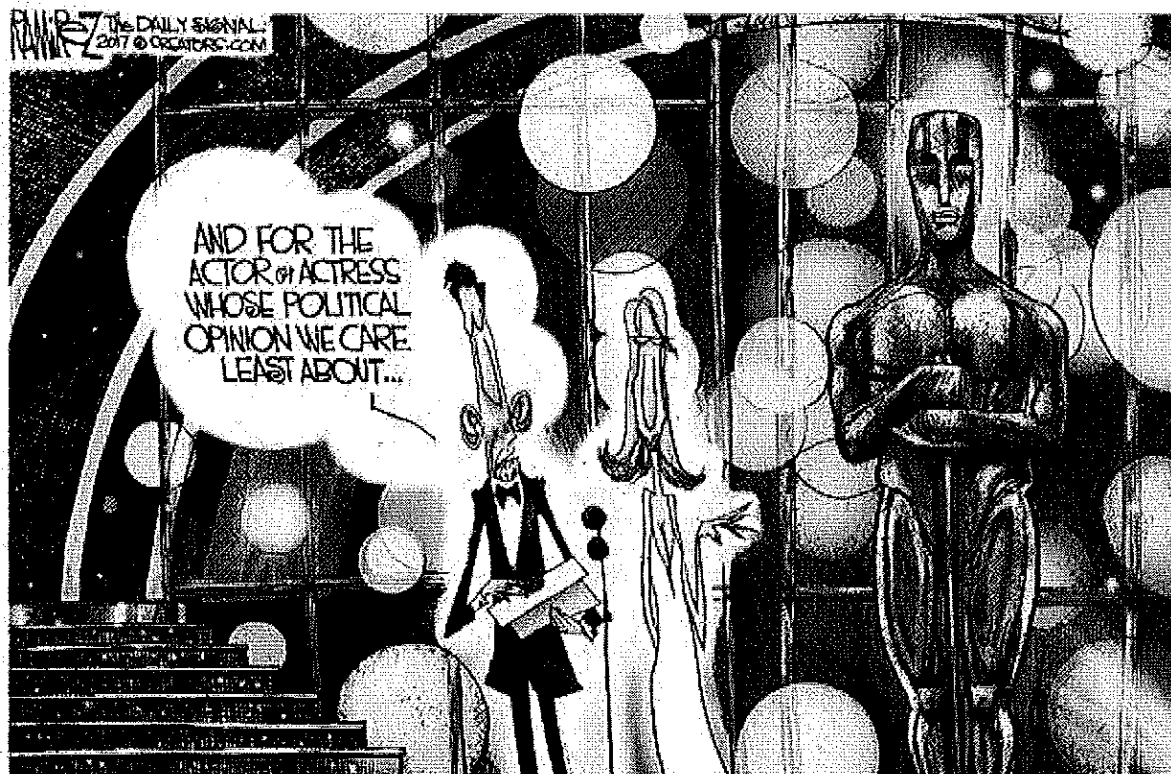
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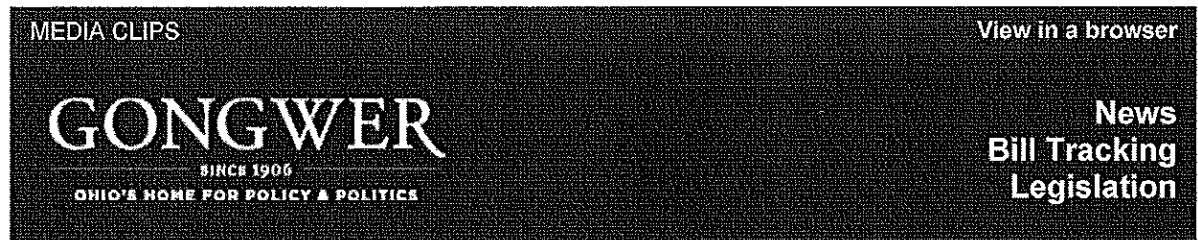


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Kasich cleared to give State of the State speech in Sandusky (Akron Beacon Journal, 2/27/2017)

Ohio bill outlawing marital rape gets no GOP support, again (Akron Beacon Journal, 2/27/2017)

After bitter feud, Kasich and Trump try to mend fences (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/27/2017)

Kasich budget assumes Cincinnati could raise more taxes (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/27/2017)

Kasich to GOP: Full Obamacare repeal 'not acceptable' (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/27/2017)

Portman denies keeping Democrats out of political event (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/27/2017)

Gov. John Kasich and Rep. Jim Jordan duel on TV over Obamacare repeal (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/27/2017)

Gov. John Kasich talks with President Trump about reforming Obamacare (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/27/2017)

Ohio congress members seek investigation of Jewish community center bomb threats (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/27/2017)

Tom Gunlock, former state school board president, leaves board (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/27/2017)

Capitol Insider: Kasich can relate to Trump's kerfuffles (Columbus Dispatch, 2/27/2017)

Grass-roots foes of Trump, GOP make noise in Ohio (Columbus Dispatch, 2/27/2017)

Kasich says town hall protests might be getting through to Capitol Hill (Columbus Dispatch, 2/27/2017)

Kasich, GOP at odds over Medicaid coverage (Columbus Dispatch, 2/27/2017)

Ohio may pay counties to take inmates off its hands (Columbus Dispatch, 2/27/2017)

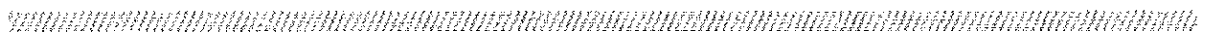
Trump has many believers in small-town Ohio (Columbus Dispatch, 2/27/2017)

Kasich fights for federal health care funds (Dayton Daily News, 2/27/2017)

Local governments told to 'open books' (Toledo Blade, 2/27/2017)

Ohio officers tasked with keeping race, gender data (Toledo Blade, 2/27/2017)

EDITORIALS



A better death penalty for Ohio (Akron Beacon Journal, 2/27/2017)

Bickering over Gov. Kasich's traveling State of the State passes for political discourse in Ohio: Thomas Suddes (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/27/2017)

Keep defending Ohio Medicaid expansion, Gov. Kasich: editorial (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/27/2017)

Editorial: Victims seek more court leverage (Columbus Dispatch, 2/27/2017)

Governor got this right (Toledo Blade, 2/27/2017)

Right-to-work law still totally wrong for Ohio (Youngstown Vindicator, 2/27/2017)

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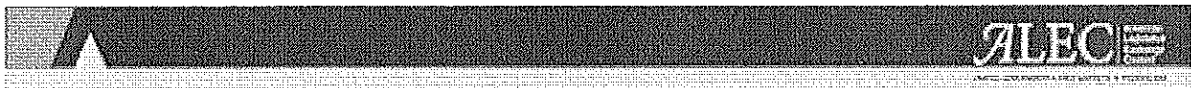
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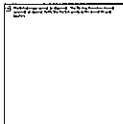
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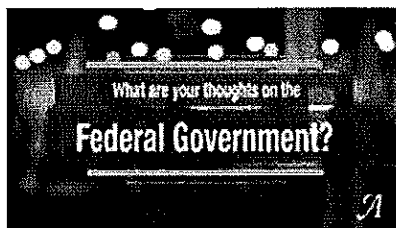


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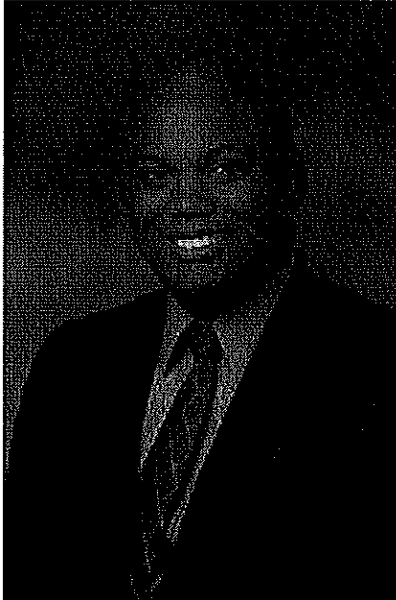
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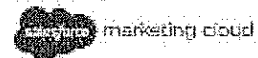


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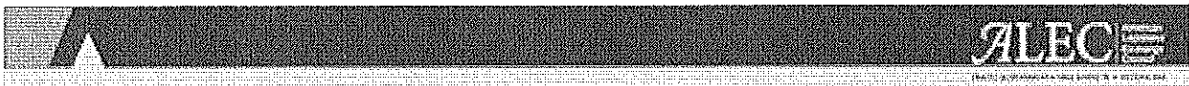
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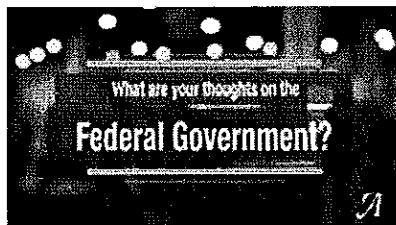


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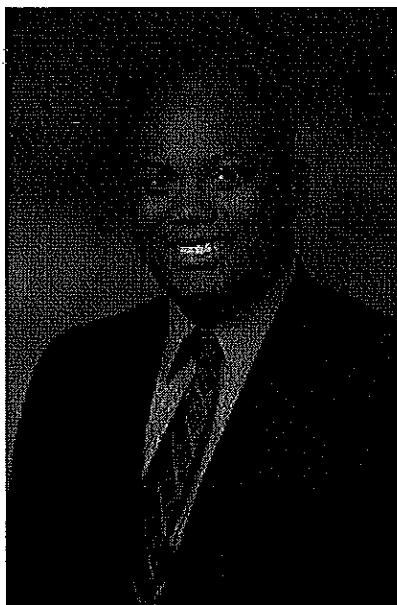
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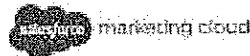


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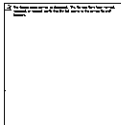
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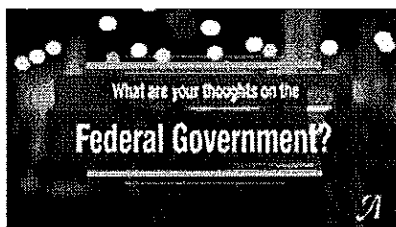
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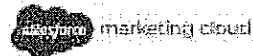


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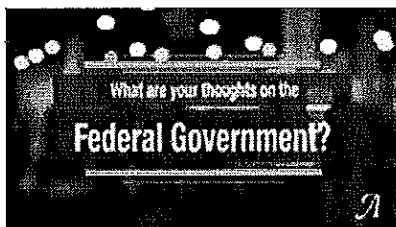
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Constituent Insight

What is One Thing Twenty-Somethings and ALEC Have in Common?

An ALEC Video Production | Sarah Wood | Public Affairs Coordinator



Last month, ALEC swept CPAC for intel on how young people feel about the federal government. Good news, the consensus was emphatic for limited government, free markets and federalism. Visit the ALEC youtube channel to gain insight on how young conservatives across the country feel about the federal government.

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Expert Opinion

States, Look Out: Don't Let Licensing Boards Limit Access to Quality Care

The Hill | Mia Heck | Director, Health and Human Services Task Force | @themiaheck



Americans continue to experience an increase in the cost of health care, a trend largely advanced by the massive expansion of regulation triggered by implementation of the *Affordable Care Act* (ACA). Last week, ALEC released its latest analysis *Over Regulation Threatens Market-Driven Solutions in Dentistry*, which outlines policies impacting state licensing regulations. Visit the ALEC website to find out more.

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First Look for State Leaders: American Health Care Act

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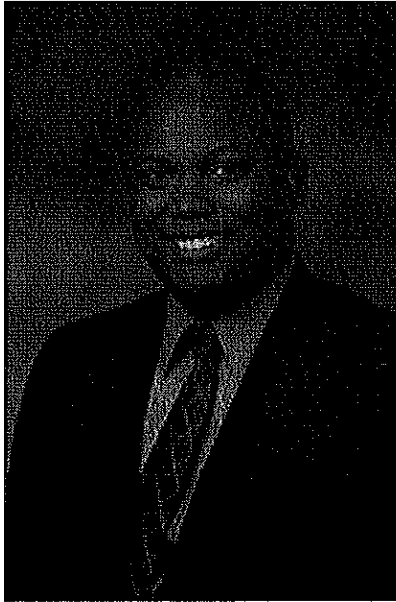
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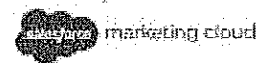


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From: Donna S. Collins

Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 9:26 AM

To: Rep88

Subject: Update on the National Endowment for the Arts



Dear Colleagues,

Unfortunately, speculation that President Donald Trump would propose eliminating the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) has proven to be true. In his official budget request, President Trump has asked the U.S. Congress to zero out the NEA's budget.

Although this news is disappointing, we are nowhere near the end of the road for the NEA or public support of the arts. Consider the following:

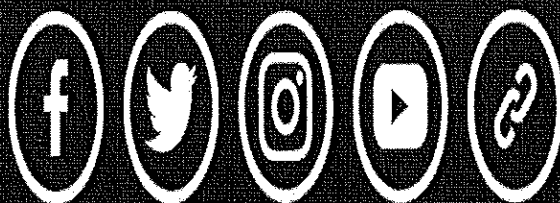
National Arts Advocacy Day is especially well-timed this year. On March 20-21—that's this coming Monday and Tuesday—arts supporters from across the nation will descend on Washington to make their voices heard. For more resources and information on how you can be an effective arts advocate, get in touch with our state's arts advocacy organization, Ohio Citizens for the Arts, or get involved at the federal level through Americans for the Arts.

Stay calm, remain strong, and be confident. The NEA has weathered these types of debates before, and together, the arts community will persevere.

Until next time,

Donna S. Collins

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Executive Director
Ohio Arts Council



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From: mailagent@thesoftedge.com on behalf of Jason Ruffing
[mailagent@thesoftedge.com]

Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 8:01 AM

To: Rep88

Subject: I urge you to not support H.R.785 - The National Right to Work (is wrong) Legislation.

Dear Representative Reineke:

I urge you to not support H.R.785 - The National Right to Work (is wrong) Legislation.

I believe that H.R. 785 would result in lowering my wages, weaken my pension and would create a less safe working environment for me and my co-workers.

Ignoring the facts about "right to work" far-right politicians across the country are promoting these deceptive policies as payback to their Big Business donors. By weakening workers' ability to have a say about their job, right to work weakens unions' ability to serve as an advocate for all workers and a check against corporate greed.

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Sincerely,

Jason Ruffing
120 n. Liberty st
Attica, OH 44807-9002

From: Rep88

Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 1:48 PM

To: 'firstalert17@yahoo.com'

Subject: RE: I urge you to not support H.R.785 - The National Right to Work (is wrong) Legislation.

Dear Jason,

Thank you for writing to our office, describing your opposition to House Resolution 785- National Right to Work Legislation. This legislation is federal legislation however, meaning that Representative Reineke as a state representative does not have influence over the legislation's outcome, save for an extreme case where many states cooperate to change federal law. For this reason, if you have not done so already, I encourage you to contact your U.S. Congressman, Jim Jordan, who can be reached here:

<https://jordan.house.gov/contact/contactform.htm>

If you have any other questions or concerns related to state government, please feel free to contact our office again.\

Best regards,

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From: Rep88

Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 3:08 PM

To: 'jboblawrence@gmail.com'

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From: Ohio Arts Council
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2017 11:50 AM
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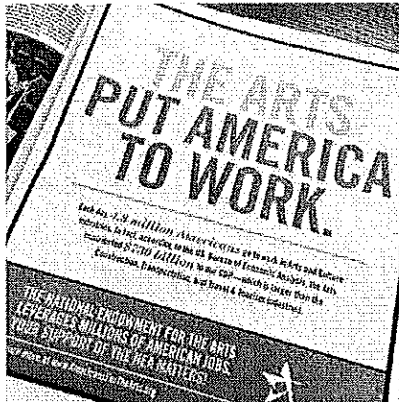
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ARTS ADVOCACY DAY RECAP



As you know, last Thursday, President Donald Trump proposed eliminating the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) in his budget request to Congress. Without delay, advocates for the arts snapped into action to defend the importance of public funding for the arts.

Here at the Ohio Arts Council (OAC), we proudly carried the same message to Washington—public funding for the arts through the National Endowment for the Arts is essential.

KEEP READING DONNA'S MESSAGE



**MEET THE 2017 OHIO *POETRY*
OUT LOUD STATE CHAMPION**



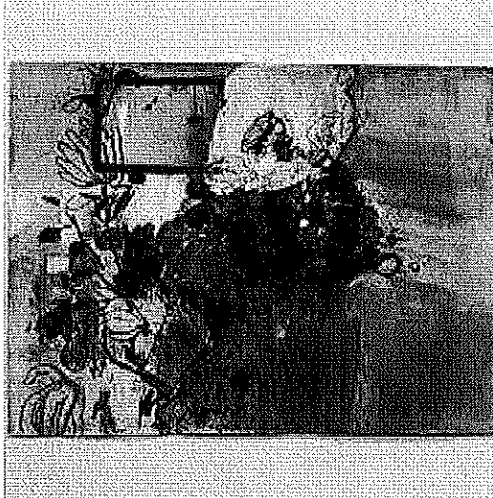
**SOCIAL IMPACT INVESTING: THE
DICK & JANE PROJECT**

Madeleine Schroeder, a senior at Columbus Alternative High School, won Ohio's 12th annual *Poetry Out Loud* State Finals held on March 4. She goes on to represent Ohio in the National Finals in Washington, D.C., April 25-26. Congrats and good luck to Maddie!

As part of an ongoing blog series with The Wells Foundation, Patrick Westerlund interviews Ben Shinabery, founder of the Dick & Jane Project, in this month's creative spotlight. Learn more about the organization and how alternative funding models fuel their success.

MORE ABOUT THE 2017 POETRY OUT LOUD FINALS

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Experiences, the lessons learned



OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STUDENT ART EXHIBITION

Artwork from each of the 99 districts

and communicated, are the concepts that drive the current exhibition *Come Along With Me*. In this series, Kim Webb, Riffe Gallery fellow, interviews three of the exhibited artists to hear their story. First up is Dan Jian.

**RIFFE GALLERY ARTIST
INTERVIEW WITH DAN JIAN**

of the Ohio House of Representatives is featured in this annual exhibition. [Check out photos](#) from the March 4 ceremony that honored the achievement and creativity of the 2017 student artists.

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE
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SPOTLIGHT ON THE 2017 GOVERNOR'S AWARDS WINNERS

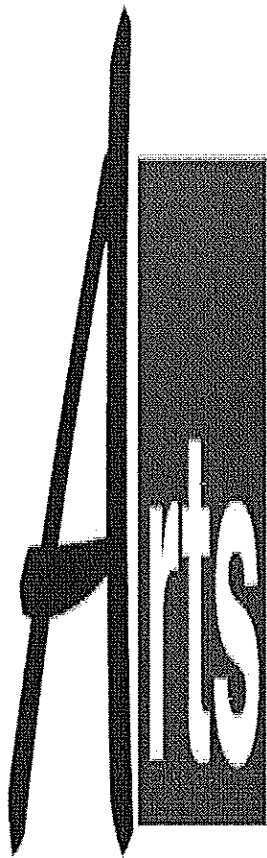
Get to know the winners through the words of their supporters. Head to the ArtsOhio blog to learn more about [Raymond Bobgan](#), [Jim McCutcheon](#), [SMARTS](#), and [Puffin Foundation West](#). Posts will continue to be published as we count down to the luncheon on May 17.



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